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CALFED BAY-DELTA WATERSHED PROGRAM

Recommended Revisions to the Stage I Implementation Actions

(First Seven Years Following Record of Decision and Certification)

The Watershed Program is designed to be coordinated and integrated with existing and future local watershed programs and to provide technical assistance and funding for watershed activities that support the goals and objectives of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. The actions during Stage I are a mix of watershed coordination, restoration, maintenance, and conservation activities, as well as demonstration projects designed to show benefits to the Bay-Delta system without harm to existing watershed resources.

1. Fund and implement watershed restoration, maintenance, conservation, and monitoring activities that support the goals and objectives of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program (years 1-7).
2. Identify priority locations and implement watershed restoration activities which benefit restoration in the Bay-Delta system (years 1-7).
3. Assist local watershed groups and government agencies* to address common issues, including roles and responsibilities, funding support, technical assistance, information exchange, and to ensure effective communication and implementation among government agencies* and stakeholder groups (years 1-7).
4. Develop a funding process and provide watershed stewardship funds to build the capacity of local watershed groups (years 1-7).
5. Improve the use and usefulness of existing or future watershed clearinghouse functions to assist watershed groups with obtaining information on funding opportunities, technical assistance, and data storage and retrieval (years 1-7).
6. Ensure the completion of project level environmental documentation and permitting; assist with documentation and permitting processes as appropriate (years 1-7).
7. Illustrate the benefits (including economics) that accrue from watershed plans and projects designed to achieve CALFED goals and objectives.

Attachment C.2

8. Establish, fund, and maintain watershed restoration and maintenance assistance to aide local watershed groups and private landowners in project concept, design, and implementation (years 1-7).
9. Coordinate with other CALFED and non-CALFED programs on watershed related activities (years 1-7).

* Government agencies refers to federal, state, county, city, and town government; Native American governments; and special districts.



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